



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Stopping/Parking Regulations on Wickson Trail at Grey Owl Junior Public School

Date:	May 19, 2010
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 42 – Scarborough-Rouge River
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1059 D10-3718894 Wickson Trail parking regulations

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report on Wickson Trail details the minor on-street stopping and parking regulation changes required to enhance both traffic safety and flow in front of Grey Owl Junior Public School. The “school side” parking and “opposite side” no stopping regulations outlined in this report are consistent with those found at many other school zones in the Scarborough District.

Community Council’s approval of the stopping/parking regulations will enhance traffic safety at this location and allow enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the stopping regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the parking and stopping regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
3. Pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these parking regulation signs is approximately \$3,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by the local Councillor about parking/stopping regulations on both sides of Wickson Trail in front of Grey Owl Junior Public School, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of altering the parking along this street to “school side” parking, and “opposite side” no stopping regulations. Transportation Services staff reviewed the current parking conditions on this roadway and conducted a school zone review during morning and afternoon periods.

Staff investigations verified the concerns that as vehicles parked on both sides of Wickson Trail during the time of student pick-up and drop-off time, parked vehicles created a potentially dangerous situation for motorists and pedestrians.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Wickson Trail include:

- The land use on Wickson Trail in this portion of the Malvern Neighbourhood is single family dwellings.
- Wickson Trail is a two-lane collector road with a posted speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour and a traffic volume of approximately 5,300 vehicles per day
- Wickson Trail has a pavement width of approximately 9.5 metres.
- Currently parking is permitted for up to three hours on the south and east side of Wickson Trail opposite the school. “No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” is posted on the north and west along side in front of Grey Owl Junior Public School.
- Two-way traffic cannot be safely maintained on Wickson Trail by the school when vehicles are parked on both sides of this road by the school.
- The school bus loading zone, located on the north and west side of Wickson Trail, should be reduced to accommodate one bus and better enable temporary caregiver parking next to the school.
- The proposed “30 Minute Permissive Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” school/north and west side parking restrictions will permit temporary parking.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “30 Minute Permissive Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the school/north and west side of Wickson Trail from approximately 61 meters north and west of Quantrell Trail/Lowry Square to approximately 131 meters further north and west. Opposite the school on the south and east sides of Wickson Trail from approximately 42 meters north and west of Quantrell Trail/Lowry Square to approximately 112 meters further north and west, “No Stopping”, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August” should be installed.

In summary, these stopping/parking regulations will make this school zone on Wickson Trail consistent with the traffic environment of many school areas, will reduce pedestrian mid-block crossings and will help to maintain sightlines for all road users at this location.

Staff anticipates that the proposed parking regulations will enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendments (enact)
3. Location Plan – Proposed Parking/Stopping Regulations - Wickson Trail by Grey Owl Jr.P.S.

Appendix 1

“No Stopping” Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Wickson Trail	East	Lowry Square	38m north of Lowry Square	Anytime
Wickson Trail	West	Quantrell Trail	137m north of Quantrell Trail	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

Appendix 2

“No Stopping” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Wickson Trail	North and East	Quantrell Trail and Lowry Square	42 metres further to the North and West	Anytime
Wickson Trail	North and East	42 metres North and West of Quantrell Trail and Lowry Square	112 metres further to the North and West	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays
Wickson Trail	South and West	Quantrell Trail and Lowry Square	37 metres further to the North and West	Anytime

“Parking for Restricted Periods” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days	(In Column 5) Maximum Period Permit
Wickson Trail	South and West	61 metres North and West of Quantrell Trail and Lowry Square	131 metres further to the North and West	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday	30 Minutes